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THURS., JAN. 12, 2023

Most plastic bags are not recyclable

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

Plastic bags. Love 'em, hate 'em, need 'em, environmental threat, so what? They are ubiquitous. In our pantries, in our trash, on the roads, waterways and especially at the transfer station.

So what, they're recyclable. Or are they?

The number of plastics generated has increased nearly six times since 1980 and more than 40% in the past 20 years. In 1980, less than 1% was recycled. By 2018, nearly 9% of plastics were recycled. The preponderance still goes to landfills.

In early November 2022, California Attorney General Rob Bonta challenged the bags' manufacturers. He "demanded" that manufacturers substantiate their claims that the bags are recyclable.

In his press release, Bonta said, "The six manufacturers provide a large portion of the bags used by California grocery retailers and have certified that these bags meet recyclability requirements as required by state law [Senate Bill] 270. However, despite the manufacturers' claims and widespread consumer belief in recycling, plastic bags do not, in fact, appear to generally be recyclable, let alone 'recyclable in the state,' as required for such bags sold in California."

He gave them — Novolex, Revolution, Inteplast, Advance Polybag, Metro Polybag and Papier-Mettler — a Nov. 16 deadline to provide the data to prove their bags can be recycled in California. As of the end of 2022, Bonta's staff would not comment on the status of the investigation or if all the companies responded.

Single-use, non-recyclable plastic bags have been banned in California since 2016, when SB 270 went into effect statewide as part of an effort to curb growing plastic pollution. The law allows paper or reusable plastic bags, with the stipulation that reusable plastic bags be able to withstand at least 125 uses and be recyclable in the state.

As of now, makers of the bags get to self-certify to the state that their bags can be recycled. But Bonta said that requires a comprehensive system to collect, process and sell the used bags, none of which exist. Putting the bags in most curbside recycling bins interferes with recycling other products by clogging equipment and increasing the risk of worker injury, he said.

On Facebook, Bonta announced, "Plastic bag manufacturers must back up their claims or face enforcement action."

"Most Californians are under the impression that plastic bags are recyclable," said Bonta. "It's a logical conclusion: California has banned single-use plastics, and we see the 'chasing arrows' symbol or 100% recyclable printed on most every bag we get from the grocery store. But astonishingly, there's a good chance that most, if not all, of these bags are not actually recyclable in California."

A November 2022 article on Route Fifty (www.route-fifty.com/management/2022/11/plastics-industry-says-its-bags-are-recyclable-californias-attorney-general-wants-proof/379492/ a Government Executive publication), stated that "California residents can't recycle plastic bags through their curbside recycling programs, as virtually none of the state's material recovery facilities will accept them. Companies have argued around this by adding 'store drop-off' to their recycling labels, with the idea that consumers could gather their plastic bags and drop them off at a Walmart or some other participating retailer. In theory, the bags would then be picked up and reprocessed at a more specialized facility.

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Visitors to the Hill enjoy playing in the snow Sunday afternoon.

PHOTO BY JOEL FEINGOLD

More rain in store for California

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

It's winter and precipitation has arrived, drenching, slipping and returning. While it is mostly still rain with some snow, much more is expected through next week and perhaps longer. While Northern California has received the brunt of the early storms, Southern California has seen local flooding.

Accuweather meteorologists say the onslaught is far from over. One storm in the bunch was poised to aim a firehose of moisture at the Golden State early in the new week, potentially leading to "catastrophic" flooding, in addition to widespread mudslides and road closures, forecasters say.

"The impacts from this storm cannot be understated," AccuWeather Meteorologist Joe Bauer said.

At a Sunday news conference, Nancy Ward, new director of California's Office of Emergency Services, said more than 400,000 residents are without power. She added, "Floods kill more individuals than any other natural disasters. We've already had more deaths in this flood storm since Dec. 31 than we had in the last two fire seasons of the highest acreage burned in California."

On Wednesday, Jan. 5, Gov. Gavin Newsom declared a statewide emergency to respond to damage already incurred and to this unceasing precipitation pattern, which could cause more extensive damage throughout the state.

President Joe Biden declared a state of emergency for California Monday at Newsom's request, clearing the way for assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the storms that have killed 12 people in 10 days.

Northern California has suffered from more than a week of pounding rain and snow in the mountains, resulting in a well-above-average snowpack currently. Southern California's sunny days have frequently been cloudy, dreary and wet — just not so severe.

The rainfall on the Hill has replicated the pattern statewide — more in the northern areas and less moving south. In the 48 hours from Wednesday morning, Jan. 4, through Friday morning, Jan. 6, Vista Grande recorded nearly 3.9 inches of rain. Near Stone Creek, the National Weather Service (NWS) recorded 1.3 inches of rain. Pine Cove received barely an inch, and at Keenwild Ranger Station, only 0.44 inches of rain fell.

While that was a lot of rain, it was simply a follow through from earlier storms. In the previous five days, more than 2 inches were recorded at Keenwild Ranger Station and nearly 3.5 inches at Stone Creek. Areas in Pine Cove recorded between 1.5 and 1.7 inches of rain.

The Idyllwild Fire Station recorded nearly 5.3 inches of total precipitation from new year's eve through the morning of Jan. 7.

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Precipitation

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That compares to no rain in the whole month of January 2022.

While that is a lot of rain in a week, it does not quite compare to the two days — Feb. 13 and 14, 2019 — when nearly 7 inches of rain pummeled the Hill, resulting in months of highway closures.

Since Oct. 1, 2022, the beginning of the rain year, Idyllwild Fire has recorded 9.8 inches of rain.

Meteorologist Alex Tardy, of the NWS San Diego Office, is forecasting, at least, 3 more storms after the mild one that passed this weekend. The next may arrive on Wednesday and stay through Friday. This storm carries the potential to bring more significant rainfall farther south. NWS is currently predicting 2 to 2.5 inches of rain on the Hill and it could move into San Diego County. And it may be a colder storm, which explains the estimate of more than a foot of snow on Mount San Jacinto Peak. Then another storm is expected Jan. 13 or 14.

"Potentially more signs of storms through the middle of January," he said.

Tardy attributes this parade of storms to a massive jet stream cruising across the Pacific Ocean.

"Multiple atmospheric rivers will hit the West Coast. One after another into next week and likely beyond," said forecaster Heather Tesch of the Weather Channel. "One system after another with very small breaks."

An atmospheric river (www.weather.gov/media/ajk/brochures/Alaska%20Atmospheric%20River.pdf) is a strip of deep tropical moisture capable of transporting huge amounts of water vapor from the tropics and causing extreme rainfall, high winds and flooding.

"The mountains could receive around 1 to 3 inches of rainfall with localized higher amounts. ... Snow levels will start out high ... around 8,000 feet on Monday. Colder air will filter in early Tuesday which will allow for snow levels to fall to around 5,500-6,000 feet as precipitation winds down. Significant snowfall above 7,000 feet remains possible," NWS tweeted.

NWS expects this pattern to continue throughout the next two weeks "as several more impactful atmospheric river events are expected."

Aside from another brief break in the action in the

middle of the week, NWS is forecasting the active and stormy pattern shows no notable signs of weakening through next week. Another powerful Pacific storm may appear Thursday night into Friday. This one may bring heavier precipitation and lower snow levels leading to heavier snow amounts.

While this precipitation is improving current drought conditions, one cannot assume that the drought is over or even ending. The long-term drought, dating back to the 2019-2020 winter, continues across California.

"I do not know if the rain we are getting is going to take us out of the drought. I do know it can only help the 'live' fuel moisture content," wrote Riverside County Fire Chief Bill Weiser. "If we can continue this pattern our fire season will be delayed but ... we will have a robust grass crop that will [affect] our fires in the summer."

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) measured 55 inches of snow depth at one of its stations. This is equivalent of 17.5 inches of water and, according to the DWR, 177% of average for this location. Statewide the snowpack is 174% of average for this date.

Nevertheless, DWR noted, "Conditions so far this season have proven to be strikingly similar to last year when California saw some early rainstorms and strong December snow totals only to have the driest January through March on record."

"Big snow totals are always welcome, but we still have a long way to go before the critical April 1 total," said DWR's Snow Surveys and Water Supply Forecasting Unit Manager Sean de Guzman. "It's always great to be above average this early in the season, but we must be resilient and remember what happened last year. If January through March of 2023 turn out to be similar to last year, we would still end the water year in severe drought with only half of an average year's snowpack."

NWS said there is a 70% likelihood that the La Niña pattern will continue through February. By late winter and spring, weather patterns are more likely to be neutral rather than favoring either an El Niño or La Niña.

As Idyllwild Fire Chief Mark LaMont said, "Rain is a double-edged sword. We desperately need it, though it tends to bring up a light flashy grass crop which carry fire [in spring and early summer]."

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Hill businesses and institutions that will be closed Monday, Jan. 16, to observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day are:

- Area post offices
- PNC Bank
- Fern Valley Water District
- Hemet Unified School District
- Idyllwild Library
- Idyllwild Nature Center
- Idyllwild Water District
- Pine Cove Water District
- Riverside County offices
- U.S. Forest Service

Closed Friday, Jan. 13:

- Idyllwild Town Crier
- Idyllwild Health Center
- Idyllwild Pharmacy
- Idyllwild Transfer Station
- Mt. San Jacinto State Park

New COVID strain

The new COVID XBB.1.5 strain has been spreading rapidly. In December it constituted a growing proportion of COVID cases, rising from about 2% of COVID cases to nearly 20% by the end of the month — and it's grown more in January. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) continues to investigate the way XBB.1.5 differs from other Omicron strains.

Riverside County is currently rated a Medium community level. The CDC continues to recommend that high-risk individuals, i.e., those who are immunocompromised, have underlying health conditions or are age 50 or older wear a high-quality mask or respirator, for example an N95, when in public indoor places. Avoid contact with people who have suspected or confirmed COVID. If you live or have contact with a high-risk person, consider self-testing and wearing a high-quality mask when indoors with them. Keep up to date with COVID vaccines, including the recommended boosters, and improve ventilation as much as possible.

On Tuesday, Jan. 10, the Hemet Unified School District dashboard reported no cases of COVID among either students or staff at either Idyllwild School or Hamilton Elementary. Hemet High reported three students and no staff members with COVID, while Hamilton Secondary reported two students and one staff member with COVID.

Seeking wildfire issue perspectives

University of California, Davis researchers want to hear Idyllwild-Pine Cove residents' perspectives on wildfire issues in California. The information will be used to protect the community from wildfire by sharing opinions and experiences at <https://linktr.ee/ucdwildfire>.

The responses will inform local leaders and policymakers of the landscape and community values, guiding solutions to reduce the impact of wildfire and bolstering resilience for everyone.

The project involves two surveys: one about wildfire risk and the other about wildfire messaging. The surveys should take 15 to 20 minutes to complete. Responses are kept strictly confidential, and everyone can be entered in a drawing to win an iPad or a \$25 gift card.

Participants must be at least 18 years old. For questions, contact Emily Schlickman at eschlickman@ucdavis.edu.

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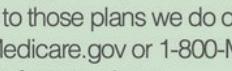
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Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Wednesday 1/11



44/35

Partly Cloudy

Sunday 1/15



40/33

Rain / Snow

Thursday 1/12



54/36

Partly Cloudy

Friday 1/13



54/35

Cloudy

Saturday 1/14



44/32

Rain

Find the latest weather information from the National Weather Service at www.weather.gov.

Idyllwild this year

Date	High	Low	M	S
1/3	42	33	0.00	0.0
1/4	48	32	0.74	0.0
1/5	41	37	0.63	0.0
1/6	52	28	0.22	0.0
1/7	55	28	0.00	0.0
1/8	54	29	0.00	0.0
1/9	46	41	0.02	0.0

Idyllwild last year

Date	High	Low	M	S
1/3	56	27	0.00	0.0
1/4	58	30	0.00	0.0
1/5	64	33	0.00	0.0
1/6	64	33	0.00	0.0
1/7	57	32	0.00	0.0
1/8	55	30	0.00	0.0
1/9	60	35	0.00	0.0

The Town Crier's Idyllwild daily high and low temperatures and rain and snow totals in the past were taken directly from the National Weather Service website, which gets its Idyllwild weather

information from automatic weather sensing equipment at Idyllwild Fire Station, an official NWS COOP reporter. [We are seeking reliable Idyllwild and Pine Cove full-time residents to provide this information.

Residents who follow CoCoRaHS procedures would be strongly preferred. CoCoRaHS is an organization of private, amateur weather observers that provides carefully collected data for use by the NWS.

If you are interested in providing us with rain and snow reports, please contact jack@towncrier.com or (951) 659-2145.]

Our weather season is July 1 to June 30. Our season totals now have been corrected for the period July 1 through September 17, 2018, which prior to this issue of the TC had been in error. For Hill road conditions and Hill weather, visit us on the Internet at www.idyllwild-towncrier.com or call Caltrans road



A wet and gray morning in Idyllwild this Tuesday with temperatures in the low-40s.

PHOTO BY JACK CLARK

Submit your local weather photo Tuesday mornings before 10 a.m. to: submit@towncrier.com

New solar power installation benefit

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

In December, California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) lowered the payments to homeowners who install solar power in the future. The new tariff will go into effect in April for customers of the three major California electric utilities — Southern California Edison, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, and San Diego Gas and Electric.

The new tariff structure will not apply to existing solar installations.

The review was initiated to evaluate whether the existing tariffs created higher electric bills for customers who had no rooftop solar. The CPUC vote was unanimous to reduce the tariffs for future rooftop solar installations.

"We are launching the solar and storage industry into the future so that it can support the modern grid," said CPUC President Alice Reynolds. "The new tariff promotes solar systems and battery storage with a focus on equity and advances the new clean energy technologies we need to meet our climate goals and help ensure grid reliability."

Besides reducing the payments for solar generation by up to 75%, the new rules create incentives for installing battery storage and complement the \$630 million in state funding for solar power in low-income neighborhoods.

The new residential rates will encourage electricity use when it is most beneficial for grid reliability. The CPUC and the change proponents were concerned about the frequent excess energy to the grid in summer afternoons and increasingly greater demand for home use in the evenings when people return.

Despite clear skies and sunny afternoons, when the sun starts to set in the late afternoon and early evening hours, that is when solar power generation begins to decline. To meet the nighttime demand, other energy sources, primarily fossil gas plants, must be used to supply the electric need. This is when greenhouse gas emissions peak, during the hours between 4 and 9 p.m., according to the CPUC.

The new rates have significant differences between peak and off-peak prices. The intent is to create incentives for battery storage so that some power remains at the solar generation source, thus, shifting demand from evening hours to overnight or midday hours.

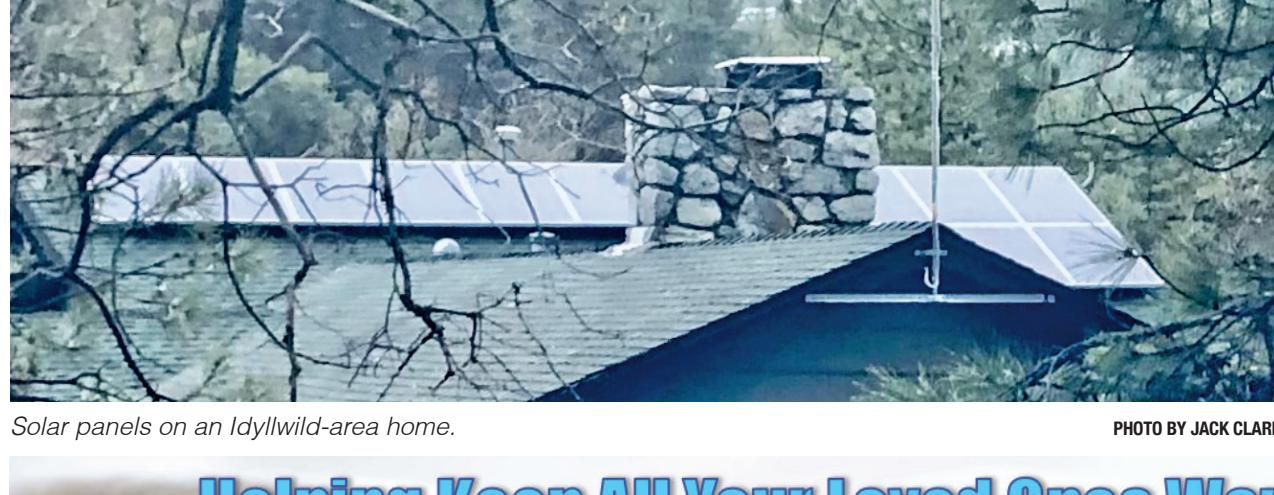
According to the CPUC, the decision creates incentives to install both battery and solar systems as well as adopt other measures — such as heat pump water heaters — that support grid reliability.

To encourage the shift to later in the afternoon, particularly in the summer, the new tariffs will provide solar and solar plus battery storage customers credit for the electricity they export to the grid based on its value at that time of day or time of year. The intent is to reduce the need for the utility to purchase clean electricity elsewhere.

The decision provides extra electricity bill credits to residential customers who adopt solar or solar paired with battery storage in the next five years. Customers are guaranteed these extra bill credits for nine years.

Low-income customers, residents living in disadvantaged communities and residents living in California Indian country will receive credits more than double the amount of extra bill credits to improve access to solar and storage. The intent is to provide these populations with greater access to solar and storage.

"Today's decision will bring rooftop solar into a new



Solar panels on an Idyllwild-area home.



PHOTO BY JACK CLARK

Life Tribute Julia Melinda Countryman 1958-2022

Our dear Julia Countryman has passed from this experience Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022. She was born May 5, 1958.

She was an amazing woman and a joy to have been our colleague and friend at Spirit Mountain Retreat.

We are honored to preside over this Celebration of Life with her beautiful daughters Amy, Emily and Hannah, and her beloved brother, Merle.

May Creator rest her soul.

Bring poems, a song or other mementos if you would like to share them.

The celebration is from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15, at the Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Highway 243. The Celebration of Life will be streamed live on YouTube on the Spirit Mountain Retreat channel. Contact Mary Morse at Spirit Mountain Retreat at 951-634-4048 to let us know if you plan to attend or to receive the link.

and more sustainable age. NEM [net energy metering] has left an incredible legacy and brought solar to hundreds of thousands of Californians, but it is also profoundly expensive for non-solar customers and was overdue for reform," said CPUC Commissioner John Reynolds. "The future needs a solar program designed around the value of solar to the grid and one that encourages true carbon reductions at peak energy times, which is after the sun goes down, by creating better incentives for customers to pair solar with batteries. The Net Billing Tariff will sustain solar and reduce costs to non-solar customers while driving a new era of storage adoption."

That is not the opinion of proponents favoring a revised tariff.

"This final decision was a missed opportunity that will prolong the harm to low-income Californians and renters for decades to come," Kathy Fairbanks, representative for Affordable Clean Energy for All, a coalition of 120 organizations representing low-income families, seniors, environmental, labor, business and community groups, said in its press release following the CPUC decision.

"Numerous independent studies and testimony from diverse parties make clear the current solar subsidy program forces low-income families, renters, seniors and anyone who doesn't have rooftop solar to bankroll wealthier Californians' solar systems. Today's vote ensures this indefensible cost-shift will continue indefinitely," Fairbanks concluded.

According to the CPUC press release, the new tariff will generate a \$100 per month savings for the average residential customer who has installed solar. If these same customers install solar paired with battery storage, the expected savings is at least \$136 a month. This would allow those customers to fully pay off their systems in just nine years or less on average.

Commissioner Clifford Rechtschaffen noted, "The decision strikes the right balance between many competing priorities and advances our overarching goals of ensuring California meets its climate and clean energy goals equitably."

Since its creation more than 20 years ago, the NEM tariff has successfully enabled 1.5 million customers to install more than 12,000 megawatts of renewable generation, the CPUC reported. The CPUC is required by a 2013 law to reform its existing NEM tariff. The last revision was in 2016, creating NEM 2.0. The CPUC initiated its current reform of NEM 2.0 in 2019.

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Life Tribute

**Tom Miller
1955-2022**

Tom was born May 7, 1955 in Chicago, Illinois. He married his high school sweetheart, Dawn, 48 years ago and together they brought their growing family to California in 1977.

Tom worked as a firefighter in Apple Valley for 15 years, first as a fireman, then retiring as a captain. He and Dawn moved to Idyllwild in 2002 where he cared for his beloved wife while she was busy being the Idyllwild postmaster.

He was an excellent cook, loved to hunt, fish and read. His quick wit and dry sense of humor carried him throughout his life. He and Dawn had just moved to Las Vegas to be near family when Tom passed away while on a hunting trip with his sons.

A celebration of life mass will be held in Las Vegas at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 5830 Mesa Park Dr. Las Vegas. A reception will follow at Dawn's home at 7795 Lovely Squaw Ct., Las Vegas.

He is survived by his loving wife, Dawn Miller; his children Shawn Miller, Brian Miller and Becky Miller; his seven grandchildren Epiphany, Fiona, Mina, McKenzie, Makayla, Noah and Breana. He is predeceased by his son Christopher Miller.

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- Only one letter per author within a 14-day period.
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- Letters may be submitted by e-mail to editor@towncrier.com and must include "Letter to the Editor" in the subject line.
- The deadline is 10 a.m. Monday.

STR fire risk may lead to deaths

DEAR EDITOR:

I appreciate Mark Dean's letter in last week's Town Crier, bringing to our attention another potential fire hazard at local short term rentals (STR) — extension cords running from inside a residence to an electric vehicle outside.

For me, potential fire hazards at STRs are my main concern. All it would take is one errant spark from a BBQ, a carelessly tossed cigarette butt or improper use of a fireplace inside to start a fire that could threaten the entire Hill.

Evacuating could be difficult, even impossible, if thousands of residents, tourists, campers and STR renters are trying to flee the area. All streets in Idyllwild, Pine Cove and Fern Valley eventually end up on Highway 243. If it is open in both directions, we would stand a good chance of evacuating safely, but if it is blocked going to Banning, or to Mountain Center, it could be life threatening for Hill visitors and locals alike.

Here's a hypothetical situation to consider: there are at least 600 STRs on the Hill right now. If each one had three cars visiting — some might have more, some less — that would mean there are 1,800 more vehicles trying to evacuate the Hill, using only two lane winding streets, all of which eventually end up on Highway 243, a two-lane winding road — another good reason to place a cap on future STR certifications.

Keep in mind that not long ago, 85 people died, most of them in their cars, while trying to escape from the Par-



adise Fire here in California. Evacuating safely was impossible, and lives were lost.

Right now there is a moratorium on any new STRs. Hopefully, locals, STR owners and county regulators can find ways to assure that we all — locals, tourists and STR visitors — will be able to evacuate safely in the event of a fire threat here on the Hill, regardless of the cause. Lives will depend on it.

KRISTY FRAZIER

3RD GENERATION IDYLLWILDER

STRs because of greed

DEAR EDITOR:

After reading Mark Dean's letter, I must agree that it sickens me as well to hear about the abuse that our community is continuing to endure from unscrupulous and greedy STR owners.

His point about electric car charging is a concern, as the bicycle industry is currently dealing with multiple house and bike shop fires from e-bike battery charging.

Human-powered bicycles are far more environmentally friendly than e-bikes.

As far as STRs, I hoped that the current moratorium on new permits would help solve the current situation, but I continue to watch illegal ones remain in operation. If you want your quiet and peaceful neighborhood back and you see an illegal STR in operation, please report it to the county.

I have nothing against STRs. I have stayed in them all over the U.S. The problem that our mountain community is currently experiencing can be simply stated in two words: overpopulation and greed.

DAVE HUNT

50 YEAR IDYLLWILDER BUSINESS OWNER

The one-stop-shop allows patients to be tested for COVID-19, have a telehealth communication with a doctor and receive an oral antiviral treatment — all during the same visit. Riverside County, like other regions throughout the state, has seen a sharp rise in COVID-19 cases over the past several weeks.

The clinics are free and health insurance is not required to be seen and treated.

Patients may simply walk in or make an appointment at <https://lhi.care/covidtesting>.

Sites are available throughout Riverside County, including at Idyllwild Pharmacy. Visit www.ruhealth.org/public-health/covid-19-treatment-options to view all sites.

Christmas tree recycling

The holiday season always ends with plenty of returns, and your Christmas tree is no exception. Return your natural Christmas tree to the ground it grew in by dropping it off at a Riverside County landfill to be recycled into a nutrient-rich soil amendment.

Through the free Christmas tree drop-off program, natural trees collected at the Badlands and Lamb Canyon landfills will be chipped and combined with food waste and other organic waste to make compost or mulch. Recycling organic material is an innovative way to ensure that organic waste is diverted away from landfill burial, recycled and turned into a valuable soil amendment.

Natural Christmas trees must be prepared for recycling by removing all decorations, lights, tinsel and tree stands. Flocked trees cannot be recycled through this program and need to be cut up and placed in your regular trash container.

Other natural Christmas trees that are recycled at free drop-off sites, or at the curb, will be taken to local green-waste processors to be recycled into compost or mulch. Most trash haulers will collect Christmas trees curbside for two weeks after Christmas. Place the prepared tree next to or inside the green-waste container on your regular pick-up day. Trees over 4 feet tall should be cut in half. Contact your waste hauler for more details.

For more information on this program, call the Riverside County Department of Waste Resources (951) 486-3200 or visit the waste guide website for more green holiday suggestions at www.rcwaste.org/wasteguide/holiday.

Free COVID testing and treatment

Residents hoping to avoid crowded emergency rooms are being urged to be tested, then treated for COVID-19 at clinics throughout Riverside County.

Riverside University Health System-Public Health (RUHS-PH) is offering the clinics in partnership with OptumServe.

"We continue to see significant impacts to our hospital emergency departments with individuals seeking COVID-19 testing and/or COVID-19 therapeutics. We have an opportunity to remind the community that there are additional resources to assist with accessing COVID-19 testing and medications," said Misty Plumley, program chief for Immunizations and Emergency Response.

Beware of gift card scammers

Looking for a New Year's resolution? Here's one for you: Keep your hard-earned money safe from scammers by spotting and avoiding gift card scams. Scammers want you to pay with gift cards because they're like cash: Once you use a gift card, the money on it is gone. But what do gift card scams look like?

Someone may call, tell you they're from a government agency, and say you owe taxes or a fine. Or they may pretend to be a family member or friend in trouble, who needs money right away. Or they may say you've won a prize, but first must pay fees or other charges.

In these and similar scenarios, here are signs you're dealing with a scammer:

The caller says it's urgent. They tell you to pay right away or something terrible will happen. They try to pressure you into acting quickly, so you don't have time to think or talk to someone you trust. Don't pay. It's a scam.

The caller usually tells you which gift card to buy. They might tell you to put money on a Google Play, Target, or iTunes gift card — or send you to a specific store like Walmart, Target or CVS. Sometimes they tell you to buy cards at several stores, so cashiers won't get suspicious. If so, stop. It's a scam.

The caller asks you for the gift card number and PIN. The scammer uses that information to get the money you've loaded on the card. Don't give them those numbers. It's a scam. You'll lose your money, and you won't be able to get it back.

If you paid a scammer with a gift card, tell the company that issued the card right away. Keep the card and find any receipts you have. Then tell the Federal Trade Commission at ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

Visit ftc.gov/giftcards for more information.

Visitors have been swamping the Hill; time to advertise

BY JACK CLARK
CO-PUBLISHER

The Christmas/New Years week certainly dispelled any doubt that Hill tourism has returned. Parking in Strawberry Creek Shopping Plaza has been at a premium for visitors and locals alike.

The time for inns, restaurants and shops to rebuild their business advertising is here. Get your business in the Town Crier newspaper, Visitors' Guide, Visitors' Map and Phone Book. Contact Suzanne at the Town Crier office next door to the pharmacy at 951-659-2415, ext. 0, or email her at suzanne@towncrier.com.

HUSD requesting survey responses

The Hemet Unified School District (HUSD) is involved in the Local Hazard Mitigation Planning (LHMP) process in concert with the Riverside Emergency Management Department (EMD).

The LHMP process analyzes the school district's risk from natural hazards, coordinates available resources, and implements actions to reduce or eliminate risks. This updating process is designed to guide the risk reduction activities before an event; it is also reviewed and amended regularly, so as not to overlook opportunities for vulnerable reduction (mitigation).

At this time, HUSD is collecting public comments/feedback regarding the plan. If interested in participating, complete the survey at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf0KUf2k-TjA3xR-bc1B_oTnZk1xbVWS11eK2TVrn6vqzv-NA/viewform through Friday, Jan. 13, 2023.

No injuries in three recent traffic crashes

BY BECKY CLARK
EDITOR

California Highway Patrol (CHP) Officer Jason Montez gave details on three recent traffic collisions on mountain roads.

At 4:25 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 25, Julianna Akers, 26, of San Diego, was driving a white Hyundai Sonata westbound on Highway 74 6/10ths of a mile east of Pinyon Drive at about 45 mph when she was unable to negotiate a curve, applied the brakes and lost control, spinning and colliding into the south roadway guardrail.

She was not injured and waited for CHP. Valley Auto towed the Sonata.

At 9:35 a.m. Monday, Dec. 26, Andrea Mecatti, 31, of Palm Desert, was driving a white 2016 Honda Civic west of Bull Canyon Road on Highway 74 at about 55 mph behind David Tighe, 55, of Mountain Center. Tighe was driving a blue 2019 Nissan Frontier in the same direction at about 50 mph.

Mecatti failed to slow as she approached the Frontier and Tighe slowed more, causing the Civic to rear-end the Frontier. Both vehicles stopped and waited for CHP.

No one was injured. Valley Auto towed the Civic. The Frontier was not towed.

At 10:13 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28, German Santiago Lopez, 35, of Idyllwild, was driving a gray 2006 Toyota Scion XZ northbound on Highway 243 north of Fosteriyah Dr. at about 45 mph when he made an unsafe turning motion to the left, crossed the double-yellow lines and the southbound lane, overturning on a left dirt shoulder. The vehicle rolled over.

Santiago Lopez was not injured and waited for CHP. Idyllwild Garage towed the vehicle.

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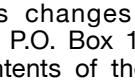
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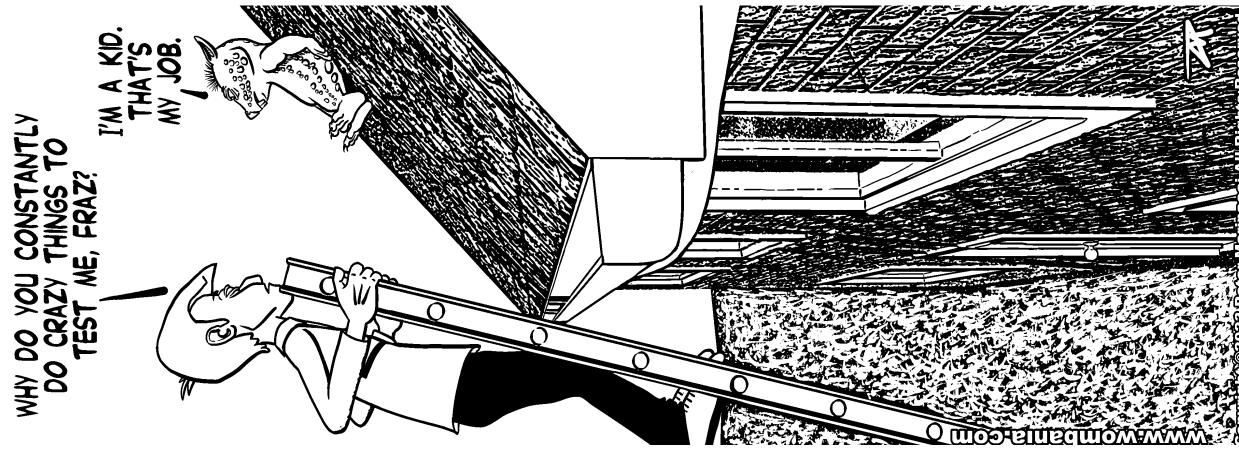
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by PETER MARINACCI



Plastic bags

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"What little plastic may be collected through these programs is unlikely to be turned into new plastic products. Recycled plastics tend not to be price-competitive with virgin plastics, and plastic bags in particular must usually be 'downcycled' into lower quality material like drainage pipes."

Riverside County's Waste Management Department's website has information on plastics at www.rcwaste.org/Waste-Guide/Plastic.

"Recyclable plastics are identified by a plastic resin number surrounded by chasing arrows usually molded into the container and are commonly found on the bottom or side of plastic containers.

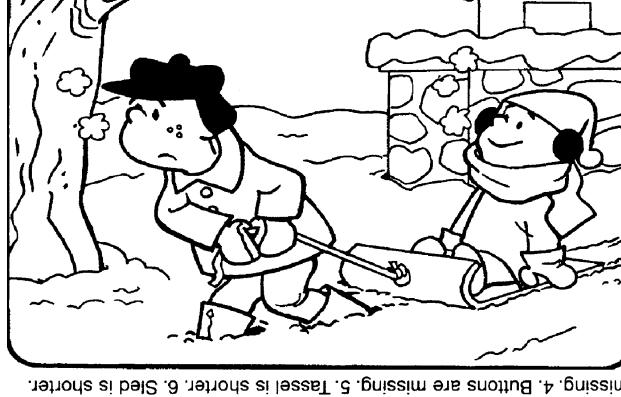
Resin numbers are used to identify the type of plastic and the molding process. Most plastic containers found in a home pantry are recyclable and have plastic resin codes. Plastics without resin identification numbers are not recyclable and should be disposed of with solid waste. When shopping for products in plastic containers, take into consideration if the plastic is recyclable (look for the plastic resin number) or reusable for another need, before purchasing. However, not every solid waste hauler can recycle the same types of plastics, it depends on where the materials are taken for sorting. Always check with your hauler to see what they accept in the recycling bins."

Earth 911 (earth911.com/) did not list any plastic bag recyclers near the Hill's ZIP code 92549. The response was, "Wow, no listings? Sorry about that!"

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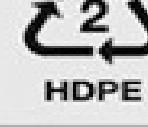
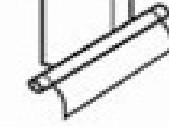


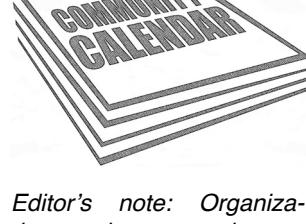
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Differences: 1. Earflap is missing. 2. Rope loop is shorter. 3. Flag is missing. 4. Buttons are missing. 5. Tassel is shorter. 6. Sled is shorter.

Plastic Resin Identification Codes

						
Polyethylene Terephthalate	High-Density Polyethylene	Polyvinyl Chloride	Low-Density Polyethylene	Polypropylene	Polystyrene	Other
Common products: soda & water bottles; cups, jars, trays, clamshells Recycled products: clothing, carpet, clamshells, soda & water bottles 	Common products: milk jugs, detergent & shampoo bottles, flower pots, grocery bags Recycled products: detergent bottles, flower pots, crates, pipe, decking 	Common products: cleaning supply jugs, pool liners, twine, sheeting, automotive product bottles, sheeting Recycled products: pipe, wall siding, binders, carpet backing, flooring 	Common products: bread bags, paper towels & tissue overwrap, squeeze bottles, trash bags, six-pack rings Recycled products: trash bags, plastic lumber, furniture, shipping envelopes, compost bins 	Common products: yogurt tubs, cups, juice bottles, straws, hangers, sand & shipping bags Recycled products: paint cans, speed bumps, auto parts, food containers, hangers, plant pots, razor handles 	Common products: to-go containers & flatware, hot cups, razors, CD cases, shipping cushion, cartons, trays Recycled products: picture frames, crown molding, rulers, flower pots, hangers, toys, tape dispensers 	Common types & products: polycarbonate, nylon, ABS, acrylic, PLA; bottles, CDs, headlight lenses Recycled products: electronic housings, auto parts 



Editor's note: Organizations, please read your listings carefully and email becky@towncrier.com with any changes.

Church, 54400 N. Circle Dr.

Thursday, Jan. 12

- Fit After 50, 10-11 a.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- AA, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr. Noon-1 p.m. Zoom.
- Mountain Communities Mutual Aid food distribution, 1-2 p.m. Camp Maranatha, 54162 Maranatha Dr.
- Al-Anon, 6-7 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar Street.

Friday, Jan. 13

- AA, noon-1 p.m., Zoom.
- Idyllwild Elders, noon-1:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Mountain Area Genealogy Group, 1-2:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Women's Writing Group with fellow writers, 2-4 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat. Call 951-659-2523 for Zoom info.
- AA, 5:30-6:30 p.m., all 12 Pine Cove Property Owners

Saturday, Jan. 14

- Pine Cove Property Owners

Association meeting, 9 a.m. Pine Cove Fire Station, 24919 Marion Ridge Dr.

- American Legion Auxiliary meeting, 10 a.m. Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
- Healing Rooms, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54295 Village Center Dr.
- AA, noon-1 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr. Noon-1 p.m. Zoom.
- Dog Park Saturdays, 3-4 p.m. Rick Barker Dog Park, 26375 Hwy. 243.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 4-5 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- AA, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Parking lot next to the Butterfield Amphitheatre (bring chair).

Sunday, Jan. 15

- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.
- AA, noon-1 p.m., Zoom.
- AA, Living sober group, noon, Idyllwild Water District.
- AA, 5:30-6:30 p.m., all 12 Palms to Pines Chapter

Steps, Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

Monday, Jan. 16

- Day of Mindfulness, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
- AA, noon. Zoom.
- Fit After 50, noon-1 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.

Tuesday, Jan. 17

- Fit After 50, 10-11 a.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- Idyllwild Garden Club board, 10 a.m. 25025 Fern Valley Rd.
- Meditation in Motion (based on Tai Chi), 10-11 a.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
- AA, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr. noon-1 p.m. Zoom.
- Lovingkindness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 951-659-2523.
- Sons of the American Legion board meeting, 6 p.m. Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
- Palms to Pines Chapter

of Citizens Climate Lobby, 6-6:50 p.m. <https://zoom.us/j/4391478344>

- Hemet Unified School District board meeting, 6:30 p.m. HUSD offices, 1791 W. Acacia Ave., Hemet.
- Idyllwild Right to Life, 7 p.m. Call 951-659-3174 for location.

Wednesday, Jan. 18

- Rotary International of Idyllwild meeting, 7:30 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
- Garner Valley Book Club, 10:30 a.m. Call 951-659-6049 for location.
- AA, noon. Zoom.
- Fit After 50, noon-1 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- High Valleys Water District board meeting, 3 p.m. HVWD office, 47781 Twin Pines Rd., Twin Pines.
- Idyllwild Water District board meeting, 6 p.m. IWD board room, 25945 Highway 243.
- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (bark beetle issues), 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr., 659-3335.
- Idyllwild Area Historical Museum, 54470 N. Circle Dr., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fri. Sat. & Sun. (Mon. holidays.) Group tours by appt. 659-2717.
- Idyllwild Help Center, 26330 Hwy. 243, 10 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m. Tues.-Fri. 659-2110.
- Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Plaza, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon., Wed.; noon-8 p.m. Tues.; noon-5 p.m. Thurs. & Fri.; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat., 659-2300.
- Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy. 243, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wed.-Sun. 659-3850.
- Idyllwild Ranger Station, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Fri.-Mon., 8 a.m.-noon Tues.
- Idyllwild Transfer Station, 28100 Saunders Meadow Rd., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thurs.-Mon. (Closed New Year's Day, Easter, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day); Grinding Facility, 8 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m. Mon., Wed. & Fri.

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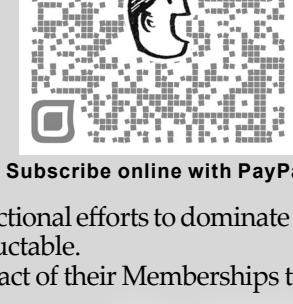
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NEWS OF RECORD

Idyllwild Fire

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District responded to these calls from Sunday to Saturday, Jan. 1 to 7.

- Jan. 1 — Dispatched & canceled en route. Hwy. 74.
- Jan. 1 — Medical assist, EMS crew. Franklin Dr.
- Jan. 1 — Public service. Toll-gate Rd.
- Jan. 2 — Walk-in EMS, treat & release.
- Jan. 3 — EMS. Forest Dr.
- Jan. 3 — Public service. Double View Dr.
- Jan. 4 — Smoke detector activation due to malfunction. Sunset View Dr.
- Jan. 4 — Smoke or odor problem, investigate. Hwy. 243.
- Jan. 5 — Canceled on scene. N. Circle Dr.
- Jan. 5 — Walk-in EMS, transport.
- Jan. 5 — EMS, transport. Toll-gate Rd.
- Jan. 6 — Walk-in EMS call, basic life support.
- Jan. 6 — EMS call, BLS. Fern Valley Rd.
- Jan. 6 — Smoke check in area. Village Center Dr.
- Jan. 7 — Assist police or other governmental agency. Hwy. 74
- Jan. 7 — Dispatched & canceled en route. Hwy. 243.
- Jan. 7 — EMS, treat & release. Tahquitz View Dr.
- Jan. 7 — Illegal burn. Meadow Glen Dr.
- Jan. 7 — Jan. 7 — Medical assist, EMS crew. Hwy. 243.

Riverside County Fire/Cal Fire log

The Riverside County Fire Department/Cal Fire responded to these recent dispatches from Monday to Saturday, Jan. 1 to 7.

Pine Cove

- Jan. 1 — Traffic crash, 4:06 p.m.
- Jan. 1 — Traffic crash, 5:27 p.m.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as ERIC TOWNSEND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY at 54240 Strawberry Valley Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing Address: PO Box 1085, Idyllwild, CA 92549. ERIC OWEN TOWNSEND, 54240 Strawberry Valley Dr #1085 Idyllwild, CA 92549. CHER-TOWNSEND, 54240 Strawberry Valley Dr #1085, Idyllwild, CA 92549. SEAN MICHAEL TOWNSEND, 54240 Strawberry Valley Dr #1085, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 1978.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.)

Registrant Signature: CHER-TOWNSEND

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on December 13, 2022

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PETER ALDANA, County Clerk

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as WILD AND CRAFT, 53785 Pine Crest Ave, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing Address: PO Box 3242, Idyllwild, CA 92549. LUNETTA CRAFTS, 53785 Pine Crest Ave, Idyllwild, CA 92549. The List State of Corporation is CA.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

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Registrant Signature: MARY LUNETTA

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on December 2, 2022

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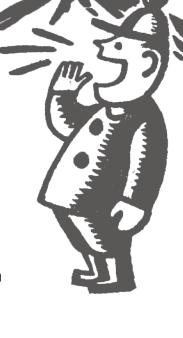
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Idyllwild Arts initiates 'Engagement Events' series

By DAVID JEROME
CORRESPONDENT

The Idyllwild Arts Academy (IAA) has initiated a bi-coastal series of "Engagement Events" beginning Jan. 22 in New York City at the Blue Gallery. Other events are scheduled in Los Angeles (Feb. 8) Palm Desert (March 5) and San Francisco (April 6). According to an IAA press release, the events are aimed at bringing together prospective students, patrons and alumni, to "engage more meaningfully with our diverse community."

The events also will be a "launch" for the academy's new Native American Arts Center and the Center for Creativity and Social Entrepreneurship.

The first event will include a fashion show by Fashion Department Chair Kentara Kameyama, an exhibition of artworks by current and former students, and a performance by alumni and New York Philharmonic

principal oboist Liang Wang.

Asked for further comment, Pamela Jordan, president of the Idyllwild Arts Foundation, provided this statement: "Idyllwild Arts provides a unique educational experience to young citizen artists who join us from around the world. We are beginning to have a series of events, designed to engage members of our extended community. These events allow current and alumni parents, prospective families, alumni, trustees and other supporters to share their Idyllwild Arts experience and to learn about the exciting plans of the school. Such plans include the Advancing Our Promise campaign and the launch of the Native American Arts Center, the Center for Creativity and Social Entrepreneurship, and the Institute for Teaching and Learning."

"When we return to international travel in the next year or so, we look forward to also engaging alumni, parents and others who are around the world and remain invested in the future of Idyllwild Arts."

By JACK CLARK
PRO GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Brendan Steele will compete this week in the \$7.9 million Sony Open in Hawaii on the Waialae Country Club course in Honolulu, Hawaii. This is the 25th year the tournament has been sponsored by Sony. Each year, all proceeds go to Friends of Hawaii Charities, serving women, children, youth and impoverished persons in the islands.

Two years ago, Brendan finished tied for fourth place at the Sony, and three years ago he finished alone in second. Brendan currently stands 123rd on the PGA Tour's early FedExCup Standings and is ranked 120th in the Official World Golf Ranking.

Tee times were not available by press time.

The Sony Open will be telecast on the Golf Channel, with NBC joining in on the weekend. You can follow Brendan shot-for-shot with TOURCast on the pigtour.com website or with the PGA Tour cellphone app.

was heavier. He was yanking it between his teeth, grunting with each step as he dragged it toward the fire. It was the bucket of sand he had been sniffing at, when we went room by room through the house. He reached the flames just as they caught the bottom of the drapes. Again, he knocked the pail over, smothering the flames, kicking the sand with his giant paws. He grabbed the base of the burning drape with his teeth and pulled it down into the soaking wet sand.

I saw him through the smoke. He was facing me, panting. Limping towards me on his burnt paws.

I told you I have a heart. It dropped a thousand miles.

I explained everything to Fred when he got home. I didn't hold back on the tears in my eyes or my praise for Milty. "He's my hero," I whimpered. Fred listened but I could see his mind was on getting Milty to the vet. I wanted to go along. While they were gone, I sat like a statue in the front window waiting for them. Hours passed, in what seemed like endless moons, until they finally returned. Milty's front paws were wrapped in white gauzy bandages. Fred cooked him a huge burger for his evening meal. Again, I wasn't jealous. I would have cooked it for him and smothered it with a fancy cheese, if I knew how to cook.

That night, from my perch on the scratching tree, I watched Milty circle his bed a hundred times on bandaged paws before he flopped down. I waited until I heard his snoozing breath. Then I climbed down from my post and curled onto the plaid-covered bed with the star in the middle, beside my hero.

And to this day, that's the way Milty and I sleep each night. I still see Chester and Gabriella the Princess on the fake Tudor roof, but now I spend most of my time hanging out with Milty. I know Miss Betty would be very proud of me.

Like I said, I'm seven. Sages and even ordinary people think seven is a very lucky number. It only came once in this cat's life. The year I met Milty.

Molly & Milty — A Love Story

By KEN LUBER
IDYLLWILD AUTHOR

Editor's note: This is the last of several installments of a short story local author Kenneth Luber has written. See prior Town Criers for the other installments.

Fortunately, Fred had decided to renovate the breakfast nook. He hired two workers to make the window looking out on the backyard larger, strip the old wallpaper and paint the walls a bright, cheery yellow. I would have gone with a mellower peach. But the good thing was that Milty was busy bothering the workers every day and I didn't have to deal with his drooling and gnawing and woofing. I wasn't even jealous when one of the workers brought Milty a burger!

The only thing that bothered me now was that the winter nights came early. It was already dark when the workers left for the day and Fred still wasn't home from work. He had installed a timer that turned on a living room lamp and a kitchen light but, still, it was ghostly. Milty didn't seem to mind. When you're under a table gnawing a leather bone, how much light do you need?

I was the one who saw the lamp cord fizz. I was the first to hear the hiss.

Then I saw sparks.

Smoke was curling up from the floor. I started to blink. My nose twitched. I'm not what some people call a scaredy-cat, but I'm smart enough to know the signs of fire. Small yellow flames growing bigger were shooting across the rug toward the drapes. I started to yowl. My house, Miss Betty's house that she had put so much time and love into decorating, Fred's house with a paid-off mortgage was being threatened! The fake Tudor was going to go up in flames! I shot a look toward the living room arch. Milty had scampered into the room, probably attracted by my desperate yowls. He looked over to the leaping

flames. "Do something!" I screeched. Milty spun around and charged from the room. "Scaredy-cat!" I yowled. "I knew you didn't care about the house. You never gave a woof about the rooms I showed you!" I jumped from the Lazy Boy and leapt to the safety of a China cabinet.



That's when I saw Milty. He had the wire handle of one of the worker's plastic buckets between his teeth. From my perch I could see it was filled with water. He lugged it step by step, dropped the bucket at the edge of the flames, and butted it over with his head. The water splashed across the flames. I couldn't believe it. My eyes were fluttering. Milty raced from the room, as fast as my racing heart. Seconds later he was back. The second bucket



During a special event at St. Hugh's Episcopal Church Saturday, these children performed the Three Kings Celebration: From left in front, Jojo Alvarez, behind him, Myah and Alexa Alvarez, Mary Knab, Gavin and Juniper Gray. PHOTO BY LAUREL OWEN



A screening of Handel's "Messiah" from Grace Cathedral took place Saturday afternoon at St. Hugh's Episcopal Church. PHOTO BY LAUREL OWEN



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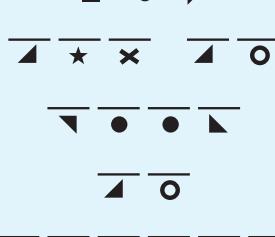
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The Power of Words

The words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. helped to change the world. His words still inspire people today. He was born on January 15, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia. His father was the minister of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, as was his father before him. Because Martin and his father had the same name, the family called him M.L.

Caring

When M.L. was young, he played with all the children who lived in his Atlanta neighborhood.

Use the code to find out what M.L.'s mother told him.



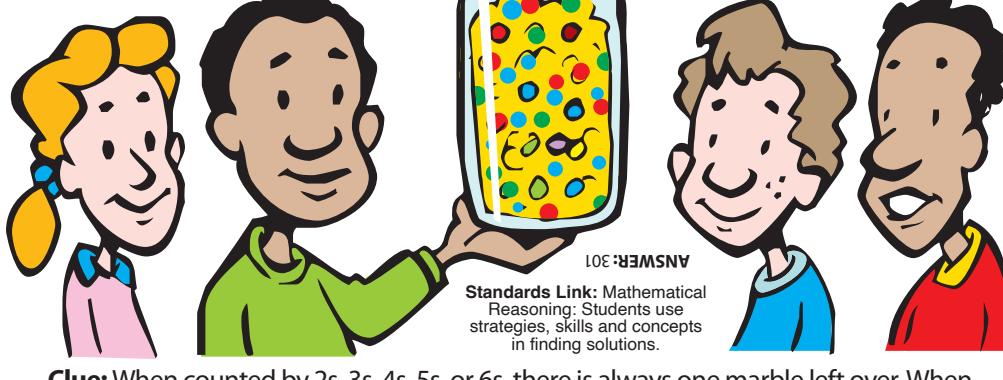
ANSWER:
A = A O = O
D = D R = R
E = E S = S
G = G U = U
N = N Y = Y

But when they reached school age, the white children went to a school for white children only, and M.L. was sent to a school for black children. After the first day of school, M.L. and his white friends were never allowed to play together again.

Standards Link: History: Students identify the people honored in commemorative holidays.

Use Your Marbles

Martin and his friends have been collecting marbles. They counted to see how many marbles in all. Use the clue to see if you can figure out how many marbles.



ANSWER: 301
Standards Link: Mathematical Reasoning: Students use strategies, skills and concepts in finding solutions.

Clue: When counted by 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, or 6s, there is always one marble left over. When counted by 7s, there are no marbles left over. The answer is between 299 and 310.

Discipline

8 + 7 = the driver forced him to give up his seat to a white person.

3 + 5 = Once he gave a speech in another town about the rights of black people. He

9 + 11 = with a Ph.D. in Theology. M.L. would now be addressed as Dr. King.

2 + 4 = As M.L. started school, he discovered he could dazzle people with his words.

9 + 8 = With hard work and study, M.L. eventually graduated from Boston University

5 + 6 = won a prize for his speech attacking segregation laws. On the bus ride home,

The sentences in the above story are out of order. Find the correct order by doing the math problem next to each line. Then put the line in order from the smallest sum to the largest.

Standards Link: Character Education: Students identify character traits in others.

Courage

For more than 20 years, Martin Luther King spoke out against _____ and segregation. During these years, he was arrested, had his _____ bombed, and was accused of being "un-American."

In 1963, Dr. King gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech in Washington, D.C. "I have a dream that one day in Alabama little black boys and black girls will _____ hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and _____."

In 1964, the _____ Rights Act was passed, granting equal rights to black Americans and Dr. King received the Nobel Peace _____.

Sadly, just four _____ later, Dr. King was shot and killed in Memphis, Tenn. But his words live on.

BROTHERS
CIVIL
JOIN
PRIZE
YEARS
RACISM
HOME
Find where each of these words belong in this story.

Standards Link: History: Students understand the achievements of famous people.

Double Double Word Search

MARTIN
CIVIL
BOSTON
EBENEZER
MARBLES
ALABAMA
LUTHER
KING
DREAM
SPEECH
WHITE
IMPACT
BOYS
PLAY
HEAL

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B C R A R Z A H I I
A A T N S P E E C H
M C I V I L H R R W
A G N T C A P M I D

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

Quiz a Friend!

Quiz a friend or family member with the following statements. If they don't know the answers, you can use today's Kid Scoop to be the teacher! All the answers can be found on today's Kid Scoop page.

1. Where was Martin Luther King born?

2. From which college did Dr. King receive his Ph.D.?

3. In 1964 Dr. King was awarded an important prize. What was it called?

4. In what year was the Civil Rights Act passed?

1964 1968 1970

5. What was the name of the famous speech Dr. King gave in Washington D.C.?

6. Give at least one example, recounted in today's Kid Scoop page, of Martin Luther King's courage.

7. In what year was Dr. King shot and killed?

1964 1968 1970

8. Words were one tool Dr. Martin Luther King used to bring about social change.

True False

9. _____ (He was arrested. He led protests.)

He helped with the bus boycott, too.

True (He did nice actions, too.)

7. 1964

10. _____ (I Have a Dream)

3. Boston University
4. 1964
5. Nobel Peace Prize

6. Counting to speak for civil rights even after being arrested and having his home bombed.

7. 1964

8. True (He did nice actions, too.)

9. He was arrested. He led protests.

10. I Have a Dream

ANSWERS

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Demonstrate comprehension by identifying answers in text.

Kid Scoop Vocabulary Builders

This week's word:
SERVICE

The noun service means the act of helping.

Service was at the heart of Martin Luther King's philosophy. "Everyone can be great because everybody can serve," he once said.

Try to use the word service in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

Write On!

I Have a Dream

Write a paragraph about a dream you have for yourself, or your school, or your community, or the entire world.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Just Like Martin

Look through today's newspaper for examples of people acting in a way that reminds you of Martin Luther King. Select one person and write a paragraph explaining how that person is somewhat like Martin Luther King.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write descriptions that use details to present unified impressions of people.

Choose your favorite Dr. King quote. Make a poster illustrating the quote and display it in your home or classroom.

"Hate cannot drive out hate. Only love can do that."

"In the end, we remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."

"We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools."



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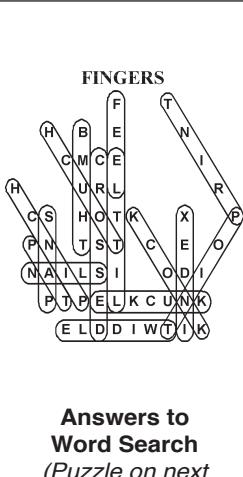
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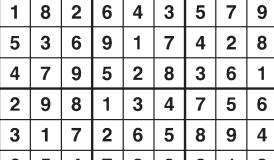
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Answers to Crossword

(Puzzle on next
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jiminlinux@gmail.com

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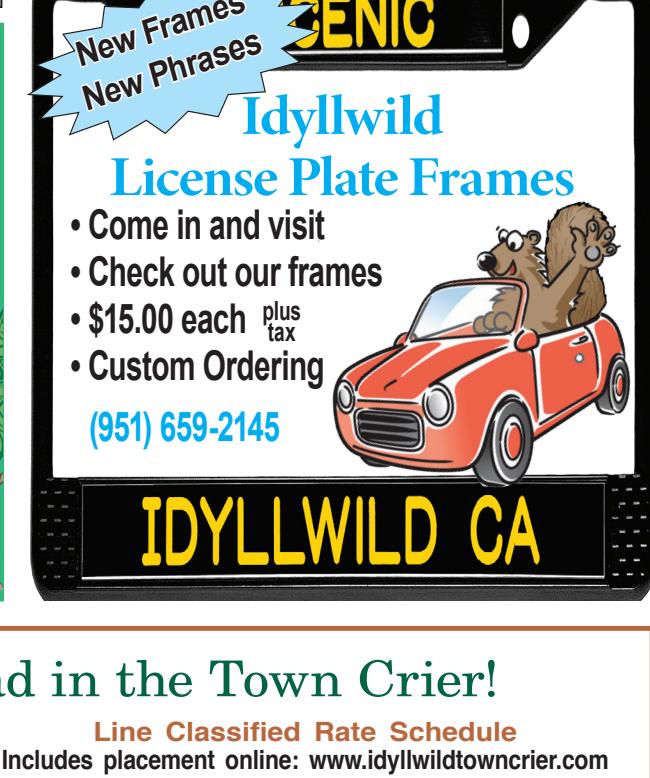
Each kit contains:

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- Pre-Sale Checklist
- Sales Record Form
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

Event charges may apply.
See ads throughout the issue.
Email editor@towncrier.com.

Wednesday, Jan. 11

- Shaolin Qui Gong & Chicks with Sticks, 10-11 a.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat.
- Senior Cribbage, 10 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Library.
- Children's Storytime, "Snow Plow Days," 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Coed pickleball, 11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
- "The Wisdom of Insecurity," Spirit Mountain Book Club, 1 p.m. Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83450057065?pwd=K21SOC9OVnh3VHI3Q3kz-K2xN2U0UT09>
- STEAM Program, Microscope Madness, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Idyllwild Chess Club, 5-9 p.m. Alpaca Brunch Cafe.

Thursday, Jan. 12

- Women's pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.

Friday, Jan. 13

- Women's pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.

Saturday, Jan. 14

- Coed pickleball, 11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.

Sunday, Jan. 15

- Idyllwild Chess Club, 5-9 p.m. Alpaca Brunch Cafe.

Monday, Jan. 16

- Women's pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.

Tuesday, Jan. 17

- Movement Meditation, 10-11 a.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat.
- Mah Jongg, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Wednesday, Jan. 18

- Shaolin Qui Gong & Chicks with Sticks 10-11 a.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat.
- Senior Cribbage, 10 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Library.
- Children's Storytime, "Chinese New Year," 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Coed pickleball, 11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
- Fireside Book Group, "Lord Jim," 2-3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Idyllwild Chess Club, 5-9 p.m. Alpaca Brunch Cafe.

Thursday, Jan. 19

- Women's pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.

Friday, Jan. 20

- Women's pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.

Saturday, Jan. 21

- Coed pickleball, 11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.

Sunday, Jan. 22

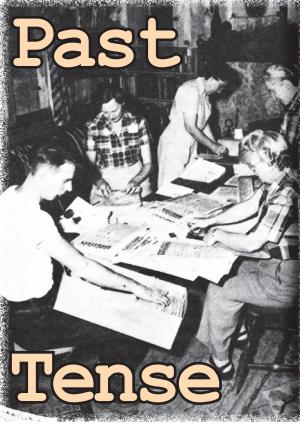
- Idyllwild Chess Club, 5-9 p.m. Alpaca Brunch Cafe.

Monday, Jan. 23

- Women's pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.

Tuesday, Jan. 24

- Movement Meditation, 10-11 a.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat.
- Mah Jongg, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.



75 years ago - 1948

At the Idyllwild Dairy, Liz, a 7-year-old Guernsey, hit a maximum yield of 11 gallons of milk per day.

70 years ago - 1953

A single-engine Navy Douglas Skyraider crashed into the mountain, killing its pilot. The plane was one of four flying a routine night flight. It became separated from the others and plunged into the canyon near South Fork.

60 years ago - 1963

The Riverside County Boy Scout Council sent more than 100 boys and elders to camp in the snow in Skunk Cabbage Meadow on a cold weather weekend outing in the Wild Area.

55 years ago - 1968

A swinging service of holy rock was presented by young people of the Episcopal Church at Town Hall.

50 years ago - 1973

Gertrude Millikan called the fire department for help. Then, Jim Johnson happened to stop by and solved the problem. The snake under her sofa was a rubber one, left by mischievous grandchildren.

45 years ago - 1978

California Highway Patrol officials reported that seven people died on local mountain roads in 1977 — a substantial increase from no reported traffic-related deaths in 1976. Most of the deaths were attributed to drivers exceeding the speed limit.

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of the family reduces stress and anxiety. Living with a cat can be soothing and release calming chemicals in the body that decrease stress and anxiety levels.

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Atlas



Harley



Onyx

40 years ago - 1983

When a dead, 85-foot pine tree was cut down in Fern Valley, Southern California Edison crews had to put up a utility pole to reconnect power lines and a street lamp light that had been attached to the tree. But when crews were drilling a hole for the pole they hit a water line, causing a gusher.

35 years ago - 1988

The Idyllwild Post Office marked a record Christmas season with a 25% increase in letter and parcel delivery. Postmaster Robert Cates attributed the increase to population growth, noting that there had been a recent corresponding surge in post office box rentals.

30 years ago - 1993

Strawberry Creek was turned into a roaring rapid and the pedestrian

bridge at the Highway 243

Strawberry Creek Bridge replacement project was washed away due to several days of heavy rain.

25 years ago - 1998

It was announced that two gifts totaling \$20,000 had almost doubled the Idyllwild Community Fund's invested capital. The fund, established in 1996 with an anonymous \$10,000 gift, was set up to provide grants to local nonprofit organizations serving the community.

20 years ago - 2003

About 65 peace activists gathered at the Tree Monument to protest a possible war with Iraq.

15 years ago - 2008

Remi Shea Keefer, born at 12:19 a.m. Friday, Jan. 4, 2008, was Idyllwild's first baby of the new year.

10 years ago - 2013

Local business owners met at the Idyllwild Fire Station to discuss a range of options they could take to deter further commercial burglaries.

5 years ago - 2018

Influenza was spreading and the toll was affecting local healthcare capabilities. The prior week, hospitals in both Riverside and San Bernardino counties were overwhelmed with emergency visits from patients complaining of flu and influenza-like symptoms.

1 year ago - 2022

Two Idyllwild restaurants — The Red Kettle and Ferro — temporarily closed due to COVID-19 cases among staff. Riverside County also suspended jury trials because of COVID.



Bob Gray in January 1993 with one of his record books of weather statistics. The owner of Gray's Photo and News had a book of weather charts that he had marked since moving to the Hill in the late 1930s.

FILE PHOTO

CREATURE CORNER

BY JANICE MURASKO

Last week in "Days of Our Nine Lives," ARF cats met two new ARF dogs.

Atlas: Maybe I should have been born a dog.

Phil: What? No way. You are a wonderful cat.

Atlas: But dogs get adopted more quickly, it seems. Those two cute dogs we met last week, Joy and Grace, are in a trial adoption already.

Harley: Good for them! I have my toes crossed, hoping it all works out.

Onyx: Me too! And Atlas, please don't feel that way. The perfect family is waiting for you, I promise.

Don: Many humans who realize just how wonderful a cat is and how it can make their lives life better.

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Churches & Spiritual Centers Directory of Idyllwild

Calvary Chapel Mountain Center
29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center, Ca. 92561
Sunday Worship Service 10:00 am
Nursery Care, Children's & Youth Ministries
Weekly Bible Studies & Home Groups

2 Services Idyllwild Bible Church
25860 Highway 243, Pastor Jeff Giampa
A Family Friendly Bible Based Fellowship
Sunday Worship & Nursery Care 9-10 a.m.
Sunday Worship, Nursery & Sunday School, 10:45-11:45 a.m.
Mid-week Bible Studies & Youth Groups
Call Church Office for Information, 951-659-4775

Idyllwild Community Church
54400 N. Circle Dr. 659-2935
Sunday Worship - 9:30 a.m. - Rev. Dr. Robert Mitchell
Celebration: 5th grade & under during worship ~ Child care available
Tuesday: Men's Breakfast, 6:30 a.m. - Wednesday: Women's Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.

First Church of Christ Scientist, Idyllwild
25970 Cedar St. at River Drive, 659-2511. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; Service 10 a.m.; Wednesday meeting, 7 p.m.
Christian Science Reading Room, in church building, open to the public, Wednesday, 6-7 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-Noon.

Queen of Angels Roman Catholic Church
5425 N. Circle Dr., P.O. Box 1106, Idyllwild, CA
Father Charles E. Miller
Mass Schedule: Tues.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.; Sat. 4 p.m.; Sun. 8 a.m. + 10 a.m.; Confession: Sat. 3:30 p.m. or by appt. 659-2708

St. Hugh's Episcopal Church
Sunday Services 11 AM • Sunday School
Phone (951) 659-4471 • www.sthughsidyllwild.org
25525 Tahquitz Dr.

Shiloh Christian Ministries
54295 Village Center Drive
Pastors Wayne & LaDonna Sleme
Sunday Service - 10 am
Healing Room - Saturdays 10 am - Noon
Tel: 951.659.2416 Tel for Prayer: 951.659.0031

Temple Har Shalom of Idyllwild
Rabbi Ilana Grinblat - In Person
Shabbat Service Fri Jan 27, 6pm + Dinner
Shabbat Study Sat Jan 28, 9:30am + Brunch
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Idyllwild School students of the week are seventh graders Natalie Bandelin (left) and Andrea Lopez Citrowski (right). Both of these girls show consistent commitment to their education as well as unwavering kindness and compassion with their peers.

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: FARTHEST FROM THE THUMB

Crossed Knuckle Point Thumb
Feel Little Print Touch
Index Nails Snap Twiddle
Knock Pinch Tap

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOROSCOPES

January 2023 — Week 1



March 21 – April 19

An old adversary wants to make amends now that a new year has commenced. The decision is yours, but wouldn't it be nice to share the new year with another friend?



April 20 – May 20

As news of your work gets around, expect to receive a special "gift" from influential contacts who could help you launch your upcoming projects for this year.



May 21 – June 21

Instead of fussing over what you didn't get to do during the holidays, relax and enjoy kudos for a job truly well done. A happy surprise awaits you soon.



June 22 – July 22

The best way to shake off lingering holiday blues is to reach out to some loved ones or close friends. A confusing situation starts to make sense in upcoming weeks.



July 23 – August 22

Special emotional rewards mark this time for Leos and Leonas who are able to open up to new relationships and the possibilities they offer during this upcoming year.



August 23 – September 22

Your efforts to make time together memorable for some people in your life will be rewarded in some unexpected (but very welcome) ways this year.



September 23 – October 22

Be assured that your efforts to make this new year special for everyone won't go unnoticed by those who could make some important changes within your life.



October 23 – November 21

Lots of folks want you to light up their days with your presence. But try to take some quiet time 'twixt the fun and entertainment to spend time with some very special people.



November 22 – December 21

While the round of holiday revels had your social life on the fast track these past few weeks, someone special might want to keep pace with you this year as well.



December 22 – January 19

Even though you should be enjoying all the fun you deserve during Capricorn season, don't lose sight of the need to make some changes now that the new year has begun.



January 20 – February 18

What happens during this time can help clear up some of the confusion jeopardizing a once-stable relationship. Follow your instincts on what to do next.



February 19 – March 20

Your days are brightened by new friends eager to become part of your life. But don't forget to spend time with that one special person. (You know who!)

CLUBS

Pine Cove Property Owners

Due to weather, Pine Cove Property Owners Association canceled its Saturday, Jan. 7, meeting. The meeting is rescheduled for Saturday, Jan. 14. Bill Tell, president of the Mile High Radio Club, will speak at the February meeting instead.

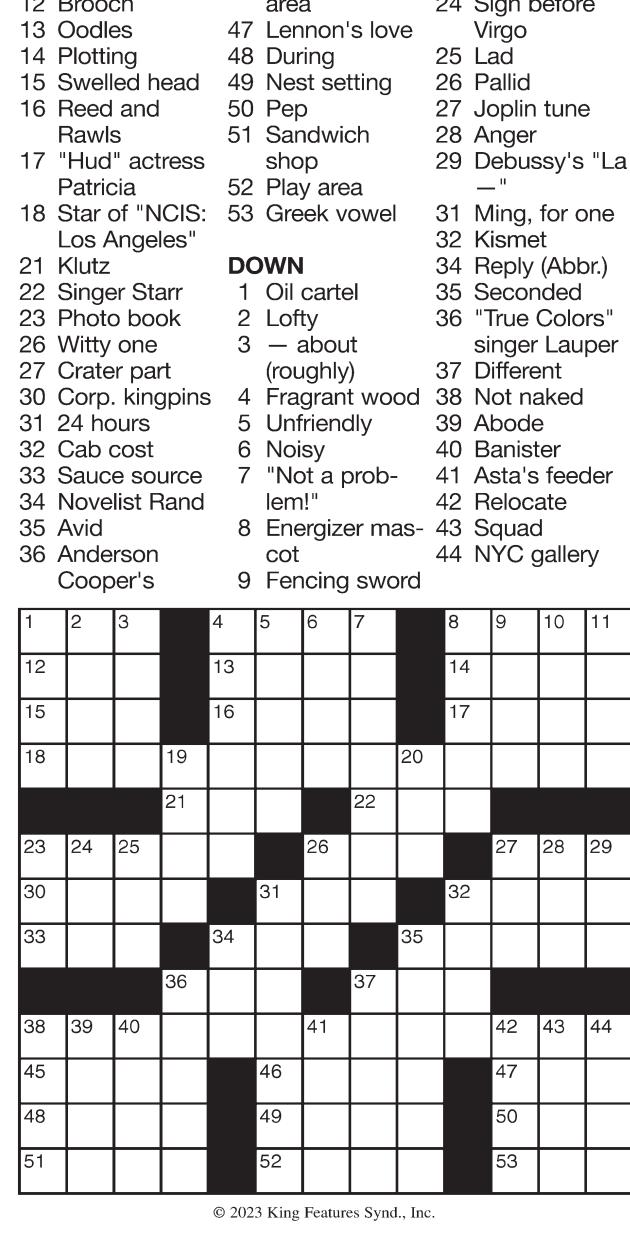
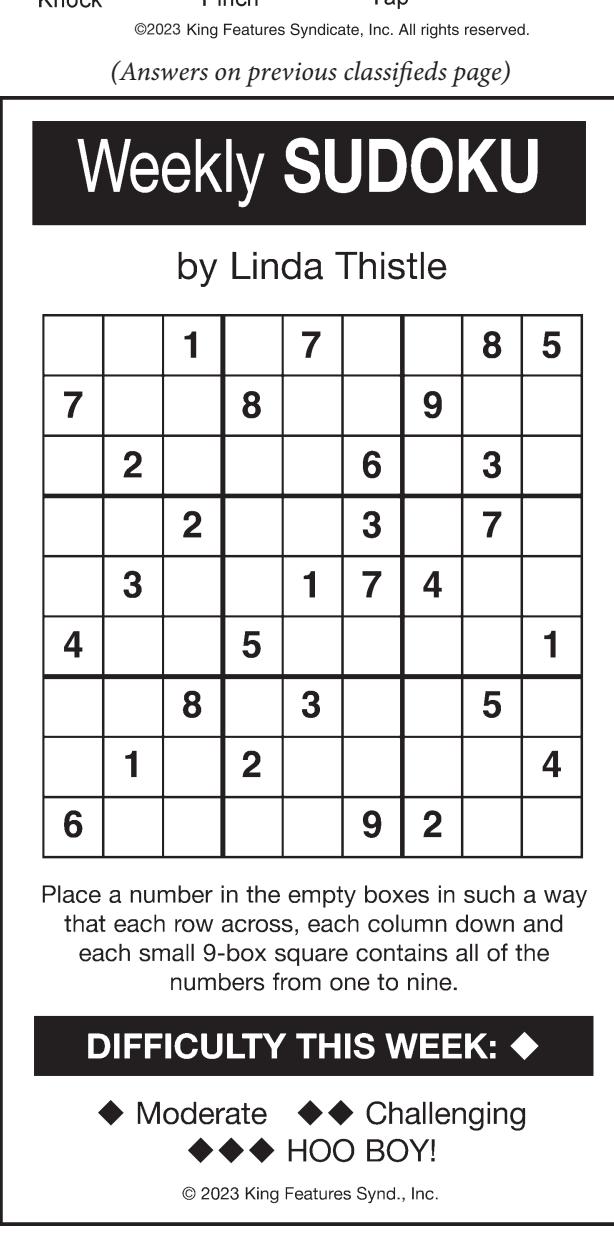
Small business course for start ups

Riverside County Small Business Thrive Program is offering a free, six-week online court called Riverside County MADE, aimed at assisting Riverside County start-up, product-based businesses with entering the marketplace to validate their concepts.

Participants will discover the core concepts to create a successful business. Learn about planning, marketing, financing and how to make business dreams a reality.

The courses are from 3:30 to 5:30 every Tuesday beginning Jan. 10.

To sign up, visit www.eventbrite.com/e/riverside-county-made-tickets-484428186747



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